GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:172
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2006
NATIONAL ECO -TOURISM POLICY
Gudhe Shri Anantrao;Pallani Shamy Shri K.C .

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated the National Eco-Tourism Policy and the guidelines thereon;

(b) if so, the salient features;

(c) whether the Union Government has issued any instructions to the State Governments for the implementation of these guidelines; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b), (c), & (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.172 ANSWERED ON 02.03.2006 REGARDING NATIONAL ECO- TOURISM POLICY

(a): Ministry of Tourism has formulated the Eco Tourism Policy and Guidelines.

(b), (c) & (d): These Guidelines lay emphasis on promotion of Eco-Tourism and aim to preserve, retain and enrich natural resources to ensure regulated growth of Eco-Tourism with its positive impacts on environmental protection and community development. The operational guidelines have also been laid down for the Government Developers/Operators and providers of Eco-Tourism, the visitors, the host population, non-Governmental organizations etc.

The Guidelines have been formulated for creating awareness among all the stakeholders involved in this activity for achieving sustainable tourism development in the country.